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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: UK REPRESENTATIONS IN ANKARA RE
OPIUM BAN

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY CONFIRMED TO DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 13
THAT (AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL) UK AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAD
RECENTLY CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL
AFFAIRS IN TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE TO URGE AGAIN THAT
TURKEY NOT RESCIND THE OPIUM POPPY BAN. BRITISH EMBASSY
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OFFICER STATED THAT UK AMBASSADOR HAD RECITED ALL THE

ARGUMENTS AGAINST RESUMPTION OF POPPY PRODUCTION BY
TURKEY WHILE RECOGNIZING TURKISH SOVEREIGNTY; HAD
POINTED OUT THAT THE TURKISH BAN ON OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION
HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A REDUCTION IN THE HEROIN TRAFFIC,
THAT IT WAS A HUMANITARIAN MEASURE, AND THAT THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THESE ACHIEVE-
MENTS WIPED OUT. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER LIKEWISE
CONFIRMED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
HAD INDICATED IN REPLY THAT SOME OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO
SHARED BRITISH VIEW AND HAD MADE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS
AND THAT SOME TURKS ALSO AGREED WITH THIS VIEW. HE SAID
DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD STATED HE WOULD BRING BRITISH
REPRESENTATIONS TO ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER. IN
COMMUNICATING THIS INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENT, BRITISH

EMBASSY OFFICER REFERRED TO APPROACH MADE BY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN
DURING RECENT CENTO MEETING. SISCO

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